

Tartars Bow To Compton

Torrance High's varsity basketballers settle back for a holiday vacation and a new year that the Tartars hope will bring them a few victories, and no more engagements with the Compton High Tarabases.

If Coach Rex Welch and his still-wireless club never see Ken Fagan's smooth-as-glass Compton crew again, it probably will be okay with them.

Compton, winner of the recent Long Beach Invitational Tournament, Tuesday polished off the Tartars by an 85-36 count in the waning year's final practice tilt for the locals.

Torrance now takes a vacation—except for a few practice sessions—until January 4, when Ingelwood invades the local floor for the opening game of the 1952 Bay League season.

The Tartars used a tight zone defense against the Compton five on the tiny, dimly-lit Torrance floor, but it didn't stop the unbeaten Tarbase machine. The zone defense fouled up Compton's set plays designed to turn into drive-in shots.

But it didn't stop a pair of Tarbase long-shot artists, Forward Harold Graham and Guard George Selbeck, from hitting with a monotonous regularity from 20 feet out. Graham did his bombarding from the left, while Selbeck was the siege gun from the right side.

Graham hit for 20 points, Selbeck was close behind with 18. Both teams were minus some starters, who apparently began their Christmas vacationing a little early. Two Torrance starters, Center Guy Farrington and Guard Chic Cope, and reserve Lee Mortinson, were among the missing. Welch hinted that the lineup that opened against

Tor-Loms Finish Regular Season With 7-2 Record

Proud Torrance-Lomita, who once boasted a record of seven straight semi-pro victories, finished their Triple A season Sunday by losing 4-3 to the Compton Pacemakers.

It was the second defeat of the winter season for the Tor-Loms, who finished the year with a nifty 7-2 record.

Jack Paepke, who pitches for the Hollywood Stars during the regular season, held the vaunted Tor-Lom artillery to five hits, Bo Palica, Joe Waters and Herm Besse gave up nine for the Tor-Loms.

Player	AB	R	H	PO	A
Lavalle, ss	4	0	3	4	1
Whitehead, 2b	5	0	3	2	0
Sturdevant, 1b	2	4	0	0	0
Paepke, p	2	1	3	0	0
Waters, c	4	2	2	0	0
Sturay, lf	4	2	2	0	0
Freestone, 3b	2	0	1	1	1
Schmidt, rf	4	2	2	0	0
Kittiman, cf	4	2	2	0	0
Totals	31	9	27	7	2

Player	AB	R	H	PO	A
DeLaca, cf	4	1	0	0	0
Briant, 2b	4	1	4	1	1
Stricker, 3b	4	0	1	2	0
Johnson, 1b	4	1	3	0	0
H. Johnson, rf	4	0	1	0	0
Hedberg, lf	3	0	0	0	0
N. Palica, cf	4	1	2	0	0
G. Jackson, c	3	1	5	0	0
Williams, p	1	0	3	0	1
Waters, c	1	0	0	0	1
A. Palica, p	0	0	0	0	1
Besse, p	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	33	5	27	13	3

SCORE BY INNINGS:
COMPTON..... 010 012 000-4
TOR-LOMS..... 002 009 100-3

Summary: Errors—Briant, Whitehead, Paepke, Kittiman, Palica. Runs batted in—Sturay, Ashford, Marshall, Paepke, N. Palica, Johnson, Waters. Two-base hits—Ashford, DeLaca. Three-base hit—Paepke. Runs—Marshall, Paepke, Sturay, Ashford, N. Palica, G. Jackson, Waters. Sacrifices—Freestone, Lavalle. Double plays—B. Johnson to Briant; B. Johnson to H. Johnson; Besse to G. Jackson to H. Johnson; B. Johnson to H. Johnson; Lavalle to Whitehead to Marshall. Left on base—Compton 5; Tor-Loms 5. Bases on balls—Paepke 2, Waters 2, Palica 2, Besse 1. Strikeouts—Paepke 4, Waters 3, Palica 1, Besse 2. Hits off—Waters 2 for 1 run in 4 innings; Palica 3 for 3 runs in 2 1/2; Besse 1 for 0 runs in 2 1/2. Balk—Bo Palica. Losing pitcher—Bo Palica. Topica—Van Sistan and Smith. Time—1:50.

Jim Vaughan Takes Ninth Place In National Match Game Tourney

Jimmie Vaughan, Torrance's top bowler, was scheduled to arrive home today, \$625 richer than when he departed nearly two weeks ago.

Vaughan zoomed to bowling prominence last week when he led the field of 180 keglers in qualifying for the finals of the National Match Game Tournament in Chicago.

The slender accountant finished ninth in the finals, some 18 Petersen points behind the winner, Jim McMahon of Chicago. This was McMahon's second victory in three years.

Vaughan became the first Southern Californian to finish in

the money since Ralph Smith of Los Angeles finished second to McMahon in 1949.

For his efforts Vaughan pocketed \$200 and a trophy for being the qualifying round leader, \$275 for ninth spot in the final standings, and another \$150 for squad prize.

Vaughan averaged 205.34 for the tournament.

Saturday night Jim will team with his brother Ace to bowl a doubles match against Paul Dunivan and Howie Busick, Los Angeles bowlers who own the highest sanctioned doubles score of the year—1436—in the United States. The match will take

place at 8 p. m. as a part of the grand opening of the Torrance Bowl on Carson.

Dunivan and Busick are members of the tough Los Angeles All-Star League.

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Sprint Races Scheduled for December 30

The nation's top 3-A drivers, including four champions recently announced at the annual Chicago convention, will take part in the first annual Sprint Bowl at Carrell Speedway on December 30, officials announced today.

Troy Ruttman, acclaimed the Midwest champ for '51 at the 3-A award meeting, tops the list for the sprint car program. Ruttman won the last Triple-A race at the Gardena saucer some weeks back.

Other 3-A titleholders entered are Henry Banks and Walt Faulkner, the No. 2 and No. 3 men behind national champion Tony Bettenhausen, and Roger Ward, the association's '51 stock car champ.

Ruttman will pilot J. C. Agajanian's No. 98 Jr., the car in which he won 15 out of 17 sprint races the past season.

J. Gordon Betz, commissioner of the 3-A, announced yesterday that a field of between 24 and 30 cars would appear on the Sprint Bowl program.

Main event distance has been set for 40 laps with four heat races, a 15-lap semi-main and a 3-lap trophy dash rounding out the card.

General admission is \$1.50, with reserved sections scaled at \$2 and \$2.50. Youngsters under 12 are free. Time trials start at 1 p.m.

Stated for Radio Panel

Four Harbor Tech students will appear on Station KFI Monday, December 31, at 1 p.m. in an educational panel to discuss the question, "Is Marriage Prior to 21 Years of Age Desirable?"

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